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LIBRARY EXHIBITS PHOTOGRAPHS FROM MAJOR NEW ACQUISITIONS

An exhibit of more than 150 photographs from three recent major acquisitions has opened at the Library of Congress. Included in the first display of these works are black and white prints by the noted photographers Toni Frissell and Arthur Rothstein and reproductions of daguerreotypes showing Federal buildings in Washington, D.C. as they appeared in the 1840's.

Enlarged photographic reproductions of the daguerreotypes on exhibit include the earliest known images of the Capitol and the White House. In one view, the Capitol is shown with the dome designed by Bulfinch after the War of 1812 and before the construction of the present dome. The White House is shown as it appeared before the office wings were built. Other views show the Patent Office, now the National Portrait Gallery, before additions were constructed along 7th and 9th Streets, and the General Post Office Building, now the Tariff Commission. The original daguerreotype of the Capitol and a lithographic print called a Plumbeotype, reproduced from the daguerreotype, are being displayed.

All are believed to be the work of John Plumbe, Jr., an enterprising daugerreotypist of the 19th century. The daguerreotypes were discovered this year in a San Francisco flea market by collector Michael Kessler, who sold six of them to the Library in August.

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POETS SAMUEL ALLEN, NED O'GORMAN TO READ AT LIBRARY ON NOV. 20

The staff and friends of the Library of Congress are invited to a poetry reading on Monday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium. Poets Samuel Allen and Ned O'Gorman will read from and discuss their work which Josephine Jacobsen, the Library's Consultant in Poetry, moderating the discussion. No tickets are required for the program.

Samuel Allen, who also writes under the name Paul Vesey, is a teacher as well as a poet. He has taught at Boston University since January 1971. Before that, he was Avalon Professor of Humanities at Tuskegee Institute. Mr. Allen has written a book of poems entitled *Ivory Tusks and Other Poems* (1968), and is represented in such major poetry anthologies as *Black*

Arnold Moss Reading Set for Monday

Arnold Moss will make his 19th appearance at the Library of Congress on Monday, November 13, with a reading from the works of John Donne in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Donne's birth. The program, "John Donne: 'A World in Himself,'" will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium. No tickets will be required. The performance is being held under the auspices of the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund.

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Poetry (1969), edited by Dudley Randall. He is the compiler of *Poems From Africa*, to be published next year. Mr. Allen has also translated Jean-Paul Sartre's *Orphée Noir* (1960), and is a lecturer on African and Afro-American literature.

Ned O'Gorman is a prolific poet whose collections of poetry include *The Night of the Hammer* (1959), *Adam Before His Mirror* (1961), *The Buzzard and the Peacock* (1964), *The Harvesters' Vase* (1968), and *The Flag the Hawk Flies* (1972). His poems have also appeared in literary periodicals, and in two anthologies: *Poetry for Pleasure* (1960), and *Twentieth Century American Poetry* (1963). He has written a children's storybook, *The Blue Butterfly* (1971), and has edited a book of essays entitled *Prophetic Voices; Ideas and Words on Revolution* (1969).

Mr. O'Gorman is the director of the Addie May Collins Storefront School in Harlem and has written two books about his experiences with the school: *The Storefront; A Community of Children on 129th Street & Madison Avenue* (1970), and *The Wilderness and the Laurel Tree; A Guide for Teachers and Parents on the Observation of Children* (1972).

This program will be presented in a delayed radio broadcast in the Washington, D.C. area by station WGMS-AM-FM on a date to be announced. The reading at the Library is under the auspices of the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund.

NEW YORK CHAMBER SOLOISTS TO PRESENT CONCERT NOV. 17

On Friday evening, November 17, the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation in the Library of Congress will sponsor a concert of vocal and instrumental chamber music featuring the New York Chamber Soloists. The members of this ensemble are Charles Bressler, tenor; Melvin Kaplan, oboe; Stanley Ritchie, violin; Ynez Lynch, viola; Fortunato Arico, violoncello, and Harriet Wingreen, harpsichord and piano. For this concert, the New York Chamber Soloists will be assisted by Robert White, tenor. The program will include vocal compositions by Jean Philippe Rameau, Franz Schubert, Robert Schumann, and Claudio Monteverdi; and "Phantasy Quartet for Oboe, Violin, Viola, and Violoncello, Op. 2" by Benjamin Britten.

The concert will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. Tickets will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St., N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, November 13. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

This concert will be broadcast live over Station WETA-FM (90.9), and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

LC AUTOMATION ACTIVITIES REPRINT IS AVAILABLE

The Information Office has available for distribution a limited number of copies of "Automation Activities in the Processing Department of the Library of Congress," reprinted with permission from the Spring 1972 issue of *Library Resources & Technical Services.*

Compiled and edited from the contributions of a number of staff members by Mrs. Henriette D. Avram and Lenore S. Maruyama of the MARC Development Office and John C. Rather of the Technical Processes Research Office, the article discusses the master

guidelines for automation of the LC core bibliographic system and describes MARC and related activities, the RECON pilot project, format recognition, MUMS, the Order Division project, the automated process information file, the subject headings project, the filing program, book catalogs, and the Card Division project.

Requests for copies of the reprint should be addressed to the Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS ON DISPLAY

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The major portion of the exhibit is devoted to the Rothstein and Frissell acquisitions. The selection of photographs illustrates the versatility and the variety of assignments of the two photographers.

The work of Toni Frissell, an independent photographer whose work has appeared in such diverse magazines as *Life, Vogue,* and *Sports Illustrated,* is represented by 85 photographs taken during the last 40 years. Illustrative of the portraiture of prominent people for which Miss Frissell became so well known are four photographs of the family of Sir Winston Churchill, and two of the wealthy American financier John Jacob Astor and his family. An unusual photograph of Pope Pius XII in his library resulted from a private sitting arranged for her. In another photograph, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, then of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, pose in the familiar setting of an open touring car. Pictures of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and of the well-known Clare Boothe Luce are also included. Other prominent world political figures represented are the late West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and former West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt.

Photographs of Pablo Picasso, Irving Berlin, and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, among other notables are shown, as is a memorable family portrait of actress Elizabeth Taylor with her late husband, film producer Mike Todd, and their baby Liza.

Also on display are several examples of Miss Frissell's pioneering fashion photography, and a series of 11 photographs which she took to illustrate Robert Louis Stevenson's *A Child's Garden of Verses.* Among different settings depicted in the Frissell selection are the Swiss Alps; England during World War II; and the King Ranch in Texas, shown in an unusual photograph taken at sunset, one of Miss Frissell's two color photographs in the show.

The work of Arthur Rothstein, now an associate editor of *Parade,* and formerly a staff photographer and later Director of Photography for *Look,* is represented by 67 photographs selected from the large collection of prints, negatives, and color transparencies that he presented to the Library on September 26.

Selections from Rothstein's work include portraits of the three artists, Grandma Moses, John Marin, and George Nakashima. Entertainer Eartha Kitt is shown in an unusual, multiple-image photograph. Almost a third of the Rothstein photographs depict people and places in China, where the photographer was stationed during World War II, first with the Office of War Information, then in the U.S. Army, and later as Chief Photographer for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in China. All the China photographs are in sepia.

Two series on display were taken by Rothstein on assignments for *Look.* A trip to the U.S.S.R. is represented by photographs of the people of Russia, its parks, and such well-known buildings as the Kremlin. Pictures taken during a journey to Africa in 1967 show both the native peoples and the wildlife of the continent.

A series of nine candid photographs have been selected from those Rothstein used to illustrate a book about the United States, *Look At Us* (Cowles Educational Corp., N.Y., 1967), on which he collaborated with William Saroyan. Among the miscellaneous photographs displayed are candid shots of Tennessee Valley Authority workers, German refugees in New York City during World War II, and women at a roulette wheel in Las Vegas.

An article about the presentation of the Frissell collection to the Library appeared in the May 27 issue of the *Information Bulletin.* A story about the Rothstein collection presentation appeared in the September 29 issue of the *Bulletin.*

Both collections, when completely assembled and arranged, will be available for individual research study. For commercial purposes, the photographs will be available only with the permission of the donors.

The exhibit will be on display in the central corridors of the Ground Floor in the Library's Main Building for an indefinite period.

Teletype Service Relocated

The teletype machine and service of the Central Services Division has been relocated from MB-122H to Annex G-1013. Messages to be sent should be addressed to Communications Unit, ATTN: Teletype Service.

DOCUMENTS LIBRARIANS' COMMENTS ON *NON-GPO IMPRINTS* SOUGHT

Documents Librarians: Help Wanted!

The Library's Exchange and Gift Division is requesting the assistance of documents librarians in assessing the usefulness of *Non-GPO Imprints Received in the Library of Congress in 1971; a Selective Checklist* (October, 1972. vi, 27 p.).

For the past five years, the Exchange and Gift Division has been sending to the Superintendent of Documents copies of the non-GPO imprints LC receives. Most of these have been selected for entry in the *Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications.* Consequently, LC's *Non-GPO Imprints* checklists contain entries for publications which are not listed in the *Monthly Catalog* or other established bibliographies, such as the National Aeronautical and Space Administration's *Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports (STAR),* the *Government Reports Announcements of the National Technical Information Service,* the Atomic Energy Commission's *Nuclear Science Abstracts,* and *Research in Education.*

In addition to the current issue listing imprints received in 1971, two previous numbers listed those received from July 1967 through December 1969, and those received in 1970. Each of these issues was sent to depository libraries, and additional copies may be obtained from LC's Card Division for $1.25 each.

The Exchange and Gift Division would like to have substantive comments from documents librarians and specialists who are familiar with the checklists. The Division specifically wants to know:

(1) Do you use the checklist and if so how often?
(2) Does the checklist list publications of interest and use to your library?
(3) Do you think these items deserve bibliographical listing?
(4) Have you tried to obtain copies of any items listed?
(5) Are there other categories of publications which you would like to see listed?

Please address your comments to Nathan R. Einhorn, Chief, Exchange and Gift Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

STAFF NEWS

RETIREMENT

Eleanor Putney has retired as Head of the English Language Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division, after 25 years of service with the Library.

Mr. Marquis and the Librarian

A native of Ferry, Mich., Miss Putney received an A.B. degree from Eastern Michigan College of Education in 1926 and an A.M.L.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1945. Except for two years as a history teacher at Sand Creek (Mich.) High School, she has devoted her career to library work, mostly in the field of cataloging. Before coming to the Library of Congress, she was employed in the libraries of the University of Cincinnati, DePauw University, Yale University, and the University of Michigan.

In 1947 she joined the LC staff as a Reviser in the Book Section of the Copyright Cataloging Division. When the responsibility for cataloging copyright books was transferred to the Descriptive Cataloging Division in 1957, Miss Putney moved to the English Language Section of that division as a Senior Cataloger. She advanced within the section and was promoted to Head in September 1966.

Upon her retirement, she was honored at a reception given by the Section and attended by her many friends.

AWARDS

Alphonso G. Marquis, a part-time Deck Attendant in the Stack and Reader Division, was honored recently with a Meritorious Service Award at ceremonies in the Librarian's Office.

Mr. Marquis was cited for his quick thinking and heroic action on May 2 in rescuing a painter when scaffolding collapsed in the Thomas Jefferson Reading Room. [A story on the rescue and additional

information about Mr. Marquis appeared in the May 19 issue of the *Information Bulletin.*]

Joseph W. Logesky, Joseph A. Sigona, Mrs. Catherleen T. Washington, and **George J. Wilson,** all from the Photoduplication Service, were presented Incentive Awards plus cash awards at ceremonies in the Librarian's Office during October.

Mr. Logesky's Incentive Award plus a $100 cash award were given in recognition of his significant contribution to the work of the Photoduplication Service and his efforts in establishing revised price schedules for products and services.

Mr. Sigona received an Incentive Award plus a $100 cash award for his significant contribution to the accomplishment of the Far East Language Catalog microfilming project and his unusual supervisory competence in meeting difficult technical specifications and production deadlines which enabled the project to be completed ahead of schedule.

Incentive Awards and $100 cash awards went to both Mrs. Washington and Mr. Wilson for the high quantity and quality of work they accomplished in connection with the Far East Language Catalog microfilming project and the unusual competence displayed in meeting difficult production deadlines which enabled the project to be completed ahead of schedule.

Processing Department staff members **Glen Zimmerman, Mrs. Doris H. Plympton, Nathaniel Rushing, Wilmer T. Frazier,** and **Janet Moyer** also received service awards during October.

Mr. Zimmerman, Executive Officer in the Processing Department Office, received a Superior Service Award plus a $300 cash award. He was cited for the exemplary way in which he implemented the Catalog in Publication Program utilizing enormous amounts of energy, enthusiasm, initiative, dedication, and zeal in carrying out this assignment and for the fine manner in which he carried out the duties of Acting Chief of the Descriptive Cataloging Division between November 1970 and July 1971 when the Chief was detailed to the Serial Record Division.

Present at the award ceremony were (l-r) F. E. Croxton, Director of the Administrative Department; Mr. Wilson; Mrs. Washington; Mr. Sigona; Mr. Logesky; the Librarian; and Charles G. LaHood, Jr., Chief of the Photoduplication Service.

A Meritorious Service Award with a $150 cash award was given to Mrs. Plympton of the Order Division for her significant contribution to the work of the Order Division and her exceptional performance of the duties of Assistant to the Supervisor of the Invoice Unit from September 1971 through June 1972.

Mr. Rushing, Catalog Publication Division, received a Meritorious Service Award and a $100 cash award for his suggestion and development of a better and more economical way of mounting catalog cards for the publication of *Library of Congress: Books: Subjects.*

A Meritorious Service Award and a $75 cash award was presented to Mr. Frazier of the Catalog Management Division in recognition of his conscientious efforts in the development and construction of a device with a window aperture which has resulted in a more efficient way of searching and pulling LC manuscript cards in the Catalog Management Division.

Miss Moyer, Subject Cataloging Division, was the recipient of a Meritorious Service Award with a $50 cash award for her significant contribution to the work of the Subject Cataloging Division by assuming, in addition to her regular duties, the responsibility for the training and technical supervision of the temporary work-study students in the Shelflist Section during fiscal year 1972.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Norman Beckman, Deputy Director of the Congressional Research Service, spoke on "Technical Information for Congress" at the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Society for Information Science on September 19. In his talk, Mr. Beckman discussed the new responsibilities given to CRS by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, the development of new research methodologies for improving the quality of analytical research products, and the application of automated programs in providing assistant to the Congress.

Mr. Beckman has recently been elected President of the National Capital Area Chapter of the American Society for Publication Administration for 1972-73.

John Y. Cole, Coordinator of Foreign Newspaper Microfilming in the Reference Department, has had his article "Of Copyright, Men & A National Library" selected for inclusion in the anthology *Library Lit. 2-The Best of 1971* (Scarecrow Press, 1972). The article was reprinted from the April 1971 issue of the *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress.*

Alan Fern, Assistant Chief of the Prints and Photographs Division, has written the introduction to the catalog of the exhibition, The Avant-Garde in Theatre and Art: French Playbills of the 1890's, shown recently at the Renwick Gallery in Washington, D.C.

On loan from the Atlas Foundation of Washington, D.C. the exhibit is being sponsored by the Washington Print Club and will be circulated in the United States and Canada for the next two years under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. The catalog will be available at exhibition locations.

On October 16, Mr. Fern gave an illustrated talk on the Library of Congress' photograph collections at the conference on Visual Communications Today, held at the University of Maryland College Park Campus. Other speakers included photojournalists, filmmakers, critics, and photographic technicians. The conference was organized by Al Daneggr, Audiovisual Department of the University of Maryland, and Arthur Rothstein, a noted photojournalist, author, and educator who recently presented his entire collection of photographic work of the last 40 years to the Library. [See related stories in the *Information Bulletin,* September 29, p. 421, and this week's *Bulletin,* pp. 477 and 479.

Mr. Fern also gave a lecture on Stanley Morison at a meeting of the Pittsburgh Bibliophiles at the Hunt Botanical Library of the Carnegie-Mellon University on October 19. On October 23, in connection with the Virginia Museum Artmobile exhibition, he gave a talk on art nouveau for the Rockbridge Chapter of the Museum in Lexington, Va.

Virginia Haviland, Head of the Children's Book Section, has selected and, in some cases, retold 32 of the best known traditional stories for children for *The Fairy Tale Treasury,* published simultaneously in England by Hamish Hamilton and in the United States by Coward, McCann & Geoghegan (192 pp. $9.95).

The selection, reflecting the truly international world of children, is especially appropriate for International Book Year. Bright illustrations by Raymond Briggs, winner of the 1966 Kate Greenaway Medal, appear on every page.

The book drew a long and enthusiastic review by author and poet Muriel Rukeyser, which appeared in the October 8 issue of the *New York Times Book Review.*

Milton Kaplan, Curator of Historical Prints in the Prints and Photographs Division, is co-author with Peter Marzio, Smithsonian Institution, of an article entitled "Lithographs as Historical Documents"

Staff members attending the award ceremony for the Processing Department were (l-r) Mr. Rushing; Mr. Zimmerman; the Librarian; Miss Moyer; Mrs. Plympton; and Mr. Frazier.

which appears in the October issue of *Antiques* magazine.

Jerald C. Maddox, Curator of Photography in the Prints and Photographs Division, attended the first meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, held in Wilmington, Del., on October 13-14. Mr. Maddox led two sessions devoted to the problems of handling photographs and related materials.

George Siehl, Analyst in Environmental Policy in the Congressional Research Service, is author of the article "Clock, Dust Jacket, and Dagger" which appears in the October 15 issue of *Library Journal*. The article deals with recent non-fiction literature about the American intelligence community.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Dennis Clay Benford, mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, 10-200; Roger Johathan Cohen, searcher-filer (editor), GS-5, Cat Publ, 4043; Clinton D. Courtney, mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, 10-300; Ina Shelley Fletcher, paper conservator, GS-11, Restor, 4234; Marilyn P. Hamilton, shelflister trainee, GS-5, Subj Cat, 4167; James A. Hare, editor, GS-7, Cop Cat, 4215; Jan Eileen Langford, card drawing clerk, GS-3, Card, 4159; Cheryl Ann Mansley, microphotographer assistant, GT-3, Photodup, 5-100; Constance Perin, analyst in housing and community development, GS-12, CRS E, 4176; Sharon Marlene Salpini, personnel clerk, GS-6, Place & Class, 4288; Benjamin L. Simms, assistant electrostatic print operator, GT-3, Photodup, 8-100; Patrick J. Traylor, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, 5-600; Marsha W. Whitman, cataloger, GS-7, Cop Cat, 4058; Carolyn E. Williams, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cat Publ, 8-500.

Temporary Appointments: Jacqueline Frances Baker, editorial typist, WAE, MARC Dev, NP; Robert Joseph Hurley, library aid, GT-1, Photodup, NP; Holly A. Mirchel, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS C, 4119; Casimir Petraitis, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS C, 4119; Steven E. Wilson, library aid, GT-1, Photodup, NP; David Alan Wright, library aid, GT-1, Photodup, NP.

Promotions: Regina M. Barrett, to assistant head, General Reference Section, GS-12, CRS C, 4256; Deborjha G. Blackwell, to editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS C, 4247; Jimmy Brewster, to stack cleaner, WG-2, Bldgs, 4265; Hodges S. Burton, to stack cleaner, WG-2, Bldgs, 4265; George C. Lewis, to stack cleaner, WG-2, Bldgs, 4265; Gregory L. Miler, to stack cleaner, WG-2, Bldgs, 4265; Paceo Peebles, to stack cleaner, WG-2, Bldgs, 4265; James W. Stevenson, to stack cleaner, WG-2, Bldgs, 4265; Shirley A. Whetstone, to senior clerk, GT-6, Photodup, 4210; Reginald K. Young, to stack

cleaner, WG-2, Bldgs, 4265.

Temporary Promotion: Mary C. Logan, to law shelflisting assistant, GS-5, Subj Cat, NP.

Transfers: Carolyn Buchanan, Cat Mgmt, to library technician, GS-4, NUCPP, NP; Kathryn J. Davis, Cat Mgmt, to clerk-typist, GS-4, NUCPP, NP; Pamela Gripper, Card, to file clerk, GS-4, CS, 4242; Joseph W. Logesky, Photodup, to systems accountant, GS-9, FMO, 4266; Larry D. Minus, E&G, to peripheral equipment operator, GS-4, ISO, 4112; Catherine S. Shih, Share Cat, to descriptive cataloger, GS-11, Desc Cat, 4285; Ernest C. Thomas, Ser, to library technician, GS-7, LL AB, NP.

Resignations: Grace L. Adams, Cop Cat; Carmen B. Brock-Smith, Sci; Jack E. Henderson, Cat Publ; Eleanore A. Humphrey, Cop Serv; Serow F. James, BPO; Jean G. McIntosh, CRS C; Michael S. Nordberg, Card; Peggy R. Williams, Photodup.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Library employees enrolled in plans under the Federal Employees **Health Benefits Program** will have an opportunity to change their enrollment during the "open-season" scheduled for November 15-30. Employees already enrolled may change from one plan to another, change from one option to another option in the same or different plan, or change from self-only to self and family, or the reverse. Eligible employees not now enrolled may enroll during this period.

The brochures and pamphlets for all health benefits plans participating in this program have been revised and distributed to divisions for distribution to eligible employees. Any questions concerning health benefits should be referred to the Personnel Operations Office, Ext. 5630.

Mr. and Mrs. David M. Valderrama are the parents of a second daughter, Emma Vida, born on October 21, at the George Washington University Medical Center. Mr. Valderrama is a Senior Legal Specialist in the Hispanic Law Division.

VISITORS TO LC

More than 125 delegates attending the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science visited the Library of Congress on October 24. Their program began in the Coolidge Auditorium with a welcome from Paul L. Berry, Director of the Reference Department, who subsequently introduced Mrs. Lucia Rather of the Processing Department for a discussion of current activities in the MARC Development Office. Clark Hamilton of the Information Systems Office described other current projects in automation, and Frazer Poole, Coordinator of Building Planning, discussed the status of the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building.

The visitors were then divided into small groups for tours led by LC's young professional librarians. In addition to the customary sights in the Library, they were shown special displays in the Congressional Research Service and in a number of divisions in the Reference Department. The afternoon concluded with a reception for the visitors in the Whittall Pavilion attended by the Librarian and Assistant Librarian of Congress, several department directors and division chiefs, and all the staff members who had participated in the afternoon program.

The visit was coordinated by two staff members who served on the Program Planning Committee for the 1972 ASIS meeting, Mrs. Jennifer Magnus, Assistant Chief of the Order Division, and Staffan Rosenborg, specialist in the Science and Technology Division.

A number of ASIS delegates returned to the Library on subsequent days to visit the Card Division, the Processing Department, and ISO.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Arms Control and Disarmament: A Quarterly Bibliography with Abstracts and Annotations. Vol. 8, No. 4, Fall 1972. (pp. 391-541.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at $1 this issue or $3.50 a year, domestic, and $4.50 a year, foreign (LC 2.10: 8/4).

Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions. 92nd Congress, 2nd Session. Supplement No. 1 to Cumulative issue No. 4, 1972. (Various pagings.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $1.50 this issue or $50 a session, domestic, and $62.50 a session, foreign (LC 14.6: 92-2/1-5/Supp. 2).

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. Vol. 63, No. 10, October 1972. (pp. 761-825.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents at 45 cents this issue or $6.50 a year, domestic, and $8.25 a year, foreign (LC 30.9:63/10).

Press Releases: No. 72-77 (October 30) Three staff appointments in Congressional Research Service announced by Librarian of Congress; No. 72-78 (November 1) Arnold

Moss to read from works of John Donne at Library of Congress.

Library of Congress Regulation: No. 1014 (October 24) stated the Library's policy on photocopying materials in the Library's collections or records of the Library of Congress.

Special Announcements: No. 521 (October 27) announced the appointment of William H. Robinson as Assistant Chief, Education and Public Welfare Division and Specialist in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Service; No. 522 (November 1) concerned the revision of certain Library of Congress Regulations.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

The first issue of *Documents to the People* (September 1972, Vol. 1, No. 1), a newsletter of the 450 dedicated and energetic documents librarians who organized the Government Documents Round Table at the American Library Association Convention in Chicago last June, has been received and is available for reference in the Library's Serial Division. Edited by Arne Richards, Kansas State University, and Bernadine Hoduski, Environmental Protection Agency, Kansas City, Mo., this spritely bulletin is free to all ALA personal and institutional members who are also members of the Round Table.

The first issue includes a listing of the organization's officers; a report of the Round Table Coordinator; the reports of the task forces on administration and organization, Federal documents, international documents, microforms, municipal documents, and state documents; and a brief article on the New England Documents Task Group. To be particularly noted is a questionnaire (p. 19) to be used in the compilation of a new directory of documents librarians.

Libraries in the Federal Republic of Germany, by Gisela von Busse and Horst Ernestus (Wiesbaden, Harrassowitz, 1972), is a revised and enlarged version of the original work published in German in 1968, *Das Bibliothekswesen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland*. First suggested by the Bibliothekarische Auslandsstelle (International Relations Office for Libraries), and commissioned by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Association), the volume is an introduction to the entire spectrum of library service in the Federal Republic, intended primarily for the visitor from abroad. The first section contains a background on the government at all levels, the educational system, the book trade, and the historical development of libraries in Germany in the 20th century. Other sections cover the types of libraries in Germany, library cooperation and central organization, various aspects of library administration and service, bibliography and information science, and librarianship as a career.

This publication, which is available for reference from the Library's general collections, is a clear and valuable guide, and serves as a model which libraries and library associations in other nations would do well to imitate by providing a similarly well organized, clear, and informative manual concerning library service in each of their countries.

[*Nathan R. Einhorn*]

A new bibliography which may be of interest to students of the history of American immigration and of United States relations with the countries of Eastern Europe is *Slavic-American Imprints: A Classified Catalog of the Collection at Lovejoy Library, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville* (Carbondale-Edwardsville, Ill., Southern Illinois University, 1972. 242 p.). This volume lists and describes 1,390 books and pamphlets, 119 periodical and 40 newspaper titles, 272 issues of almanacs, and 89 manuscripts in the Slavic languages, Hungarian, Romanian and Lithuanian, as well as English-language works relating to Slavic groups issued in the United States. The collection at Lovejoy Library centers principally around books and periodicals in the Czech, Polish, Slovak, and Slovenian languages published in the middle Midwest since 1918, but it also deals with wider aspects of Slavic-American attitudes of life in the United States and of the Slavic cultural heritage. Titles about each national group are listed together, with subdivisions by type of publication, such as almanacs or newspapers, or by subject, e.g. Americanization or fiction. Indexes for place of publication and year of publication and a selected index of sponsoring organizations are included. A copy of this publication is available for reference in the Slavic and Central European Division. [*Robert V. Allen*]

LC IS FEATURED IN TWO FOREIGN JOURNAL ARTICLES

The Library of Congress, its work, and a member of its staff are the subjects of recent articles in foreign library literature.

The article, "The Library of Congress Classification Seen by Foreign Eyes" by Kjeld Birket-Smith of Odense, Denmark, appeared in the May 1972 issue of *Mitteilungsblatt*, a quarterly journal of the Associa-

tion of Libraries of the Land North Rhine-Westphalia. In the article, the author explores the possibilities of selecting the LC classification system for the new University Library of Odense. He describes the historical background of the system's development and the system of notation, i.e. call numbers. Mr. Birket-Smith questions the applicability of the LC system to non-English speaking nations and to countries with a different cultural structure, and comes to the conclusion that its use abroad is limited.

An article by the late S. R. Ranganathan (*Information Bulletin,* October 27, p. 475) entitled "Difficulties of Government Documents, James B. Childs, Gilbert Mudge Award, 1971," appears in the March 1972 issue of *Library Science with a Slant to Documentation* (Vol. 9, No. 1). The article, probably one of the last written by the eminent Indian librarian, defines the terms of document, periodical, government, and the desiderata in the handling of government documents.

A section of the Ranganathan article is devoted to a tribute to James B. Childs, the Library of Congress' Honorary Consultant in Government Documents Bibliography for his "unique achievement . . . a living authority in Government documents of many of the countries of the world . . . his all-life total concentration on the single problem of Government documents." Mr. Ranganathan describes Childs' career, his personality, and his kindness and service to the writer. He quotes in full the American Library Association citation accompanying the 1971 Mudge Award to Mr. Childs. The article concludes with a discussion of the status of government documents in India and the principles or "canons" used in their cataloging.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Ralph R. Shaw, Prominent Librarian, Dies

Ralph R. Shaw, an internationally known librarian who distinguished himself as an inventor, educator, publisher, and bibliographer died in Honolulu on October 14 at the age of 65.

Mr. Shaw, a former president of the American Library Association, was noted for his adaptation of machines to library service and for related inventions. He was credited with inventing a photocharging machine widely used in libraries, a rapid selecter of microfilmed records, and a trailer-type bookmobile.

He was Senior Assistant Chief Bibliographer of the Engineering Societies Library from 1929 to 1936 and Chief Librarian of the Gary (Ind.) Public Library from 1936 to 1940. Mr. Shaw was Director of the Department of Agriculture Libraries from 1940 to 1954 when he assumed the position of Professor at the Rutgers University Graduate School of Library Service. From 1964 until 1968, he was Dean of Library Activities at the University of Hawaii, where until recently he was also a professor.

In World War II, Mr. Shaw served with the Army Air Force. He was a consultant to the preparatory commission for Unesco in 1945 and became a member of the International Advisory Committee on Bibliography for Unesco in 1955.

Mr. Shaw contributed to library development through the library and management surveys he took part in for the United Nations and the Department of State, and as consultant to the Veterans Administration for reorganization of its library system.

Among Mr. Shaw's publications are the 19-volume *American Bibliography, 1801-1819, Theory and History of Bibliography,* and *Literary Property in the United States.*

Washington, D.C., Law Librarians to Meet

The Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., will meet at Holgate's, 9th St., and Maine Ave., S.W., on Wednesday, November 15. The guest speaker will be Mark W. Cannon, Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. His topic will be "Can the Federal Judiciary Be a Change-Oriented System?" A cash bar will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Reservations can be made by sending $6 to James McGuirl, P.O. Box 7108, Washington, D.C. 20044 by November 10.

National Libraries Task Force Meets

The U.S. National Libraries Task Force on Cooperative Activities met on October 11 at the National Library of Medicine. Frank Kurt Cylke, Task Force Chairman, summarized the actions taken at the September 26 meeting of the directors of the three national libraries where Martin M. Cummings, Director of the National Library of Medicine and chairman of the directors' group for this program, had reviewed the Task Force recommendations. The directors had authorized the following three projects:

(1) Scheduling of seminars in each national library to bring policy and operating staff together for an exchange of information on automation progress and to develop closer relationships between the institutions. The directors approved the plan in principle and asked for a report from the Task Force after the

first seminar, which is being planned at the National Library of Medicine, is held.

(2) A study of subscription dealer performance to determine the benefits libraries should receive from dealers and to develop standards for guiding dealers in providing these benefits. This project was developed upon the recommendations of operating staffs in each national library.

(3) Development of a standard order form and standard book order format for use by the three national libraries. [A detailed story on this project appears below.]

In other action, the directors had approved a revision of the structure and assignments of working groups which are considering measures for further cooperation and standardization in acquisitions, descriptive cataloging (including name entry and authority files), machine-readable data format, subject headings, and telecommunications.

A group headed by Legare Obear, Chief of the Loan Division, Library of Congress, and composed of interlibrary loan staffs from the three national libraries is reviewing loan policies and procedures for the Task Force. These suggestions will be forwarded to the Association of Research Libraries in connection with its Regionalized Interlibrary Loan Project supported by the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

Paul Vassallo, Director of the National Serials Data Program, presented a summary of plans and steps for continued development of an automated national serials data bank. He explained the details of the International Standard Serial Numbering System, the functions NSDP will perform as the national center for the assignment of these numbers, the data elements required to provide a unique description of a serial, and the additional data elements that the automated record should contain. He presented an illustrated summary of the input data, the tasks and control outputs involved in the processing of these inputs (editing, proofing, ISSN index listing, title and author index listings, authority file listing, statistical reports), and other ultimate outputs that the system will make possible. Mr. Vassallo emphasized that the objective is to make the program truly national by sharing with regional centers the input and utilization of the data base.

Task Force to Develop Standard Order Forms

A project to develop a standard order form for use in the Library of Congress, the National Agricultural Library, and the National Library of Medicine is being undertaken by the U.S. National Libraries Task Force on Cooperative Activities. Mrs. Jennifer V. Magnus, Assistant Chief of the Order Division, Library of Congress, will direct the effort.

The standard order form will be designed for use by the three national libraries in ordering materials for their collections. Agreement will be sought on a standard size, format, and content. Currently each library uses a different type of form.

A standard form would reduce clerical effort and errors and help speed book ordering procedures. In addition, it would provide publishers and book dealers with easy access to the data necessary for prompt handling of order.

The use of a standard form would ensure compatibility of records between the three libraries; it would be useful in internal training programs for each of the libraries. In addition, the concept has a potential application for other Federal libraries and for the library community in general, and for use in all aspects of acquisitions work, i.e. exchange and gift work.

At the same time, the Task Force will consider development of a standard book order format to expedite ordering and billing procedures for the three libraries. The form with modification would also have potential use in interlibrary loans and in union lists.

The format under consideration would have three main elements: a buyer number, a dealer number, and an item number.

The item number would be the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) which is currently used by publishers and librarians as a means of identifying books in computer applications. Commercial interests, such as the R. R. Bowker Co., have encouraged the use of a book dealer identification number (BDIN) to speed computerized order transactions. The concurrent use of a ISBN with the BDIN might assist publishers, dealers, and librarians in identifying stock, and increase efficiency, accurracy, and ease in handling orders. In the same way, a buyer identification number might further facilitiate the transactions and simplify the order process by eliminating the tedious repetition of names and addresses in placing and filling book orders. The code might become an essential element of a machine-order system.

Further information about both projects may be obtained from Frank Kurt Cylke, Chairman of the U.S. National Libraries Task Force on Cooperative Activities, Room 310, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

U.S., Japanese Librarians Hold Conference

Librarians from Japan and the United States met at

Wingspread, the conference center of The Johnson Foundation in Racine, Wisc., on October 17-20, for the Second United States-Japan Conference on Libraries and Information Science in Higher Education.

Organized in the United States by the American Library Association's International Relations Advisory Committee for Liaison with Japanese Libraries and in Japan by the University Libraries International Liaison Committee, the Conference was attended by some 100 librarians, most of whom represent university and research libraries. They met to discuss basic problems affecting library and information systems in both countries in the 1970's.

Attending from the Library of Congress were John G. Lorenz, Deputy Librarian of Congress, who presided over the opening session; Warren Tsuneishi, Chief of the Orientalia Division and Chairman of the American Library Association Advisory Committee; and Andrew Y. Kuroda, Head of the Japanese Section, Orientalia Division.

The Japanese keynote speaker, Professor Mikio Yasuda, Director of the Nagoya University Library, noted that academic libraries in Japan are deeply involved in institutional self-examination which seeks to eliminate barriers between faculty departments by the establishment of "open universities," in which library systems are accessible to all and information networks and "joint-use" library centers are employed.

Warren J. Haas, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia University, affirmed in his keynote address that change in research libraries is inevitable but whether improvement results will depend more than anything else on the quality of library leadership and the way objectives and goals are perceived in the areas of educational purpose, methods of teaching and learning, and in procedures of administration.

Speaking on "Research Libraries and International Cooperation" was a special guest, Dr. Herman Liebaers, Director of the Royal Library of Belgium, and President of the International Federation of Library Associations.

Frederick Burkhardt, Chairman of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) and President of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), delivered the closing luncheon address. He discussed the rationale for the development of NCLIS and described the work of such scholarly organizations as the ACLS in supporting Japanese studies in the United States and American studies in Japan.

In final action at the conference, the delegates resolved that a third conference should be convened in Japan in 1975; that cooperative projects involving bibliographical control, qualitative surveys of collections, and the like be further implemented; that assistance for the development of collections for the study of Japan in the United States be sought from such funding programs as those of the Japan Foundation and the Japan World Exposition Commemorative Association; and that small working committees be organized to plan the implementation of specific projects.

The Wingspread conference constituted the second in a series of meeting between librarians of the two countries. The first was held in Tokyo in May 1969. The library meetings constitute part of a broader program of cooperative activities that are being promoted by private and governmental organizations and individuals interested in establishing closer educational and cultural ties between the two countries. The English version of the proceedings of the first conference were published by ALA in July 1972 under the title *University and Research Libraries in Japan and the United States.* The ALA Advisory Committee plans to edit the papers of the second conference for publication.

The Wingspread conference was held with financial support from the Council on Library Resources, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and The Johnson Foundation.

In the week following the Conference the Japanese delegates and their families visited libraries on the East Coast. One group of five, including Yasushi Sakai, Director of the Reference and Bibliography Division of the National Diet Library, and Mrs. Sakai, visited the Library of Congress on October 24. A group of 15 spent October 27 at the Library of Congress. Japanese-speaking members of the LC staff served as guides for the visitors in the tours of Library operations.

The visitors were guests of honor at a reception in the Library's Wilson Room on October 26 with the Ambassador of Japan and the Librarian of Congress as hosts. Other guests included members of the Japanese Embassy staff and officers of the Library, especially those responsible for the collection and servicing of Japanese materials.